

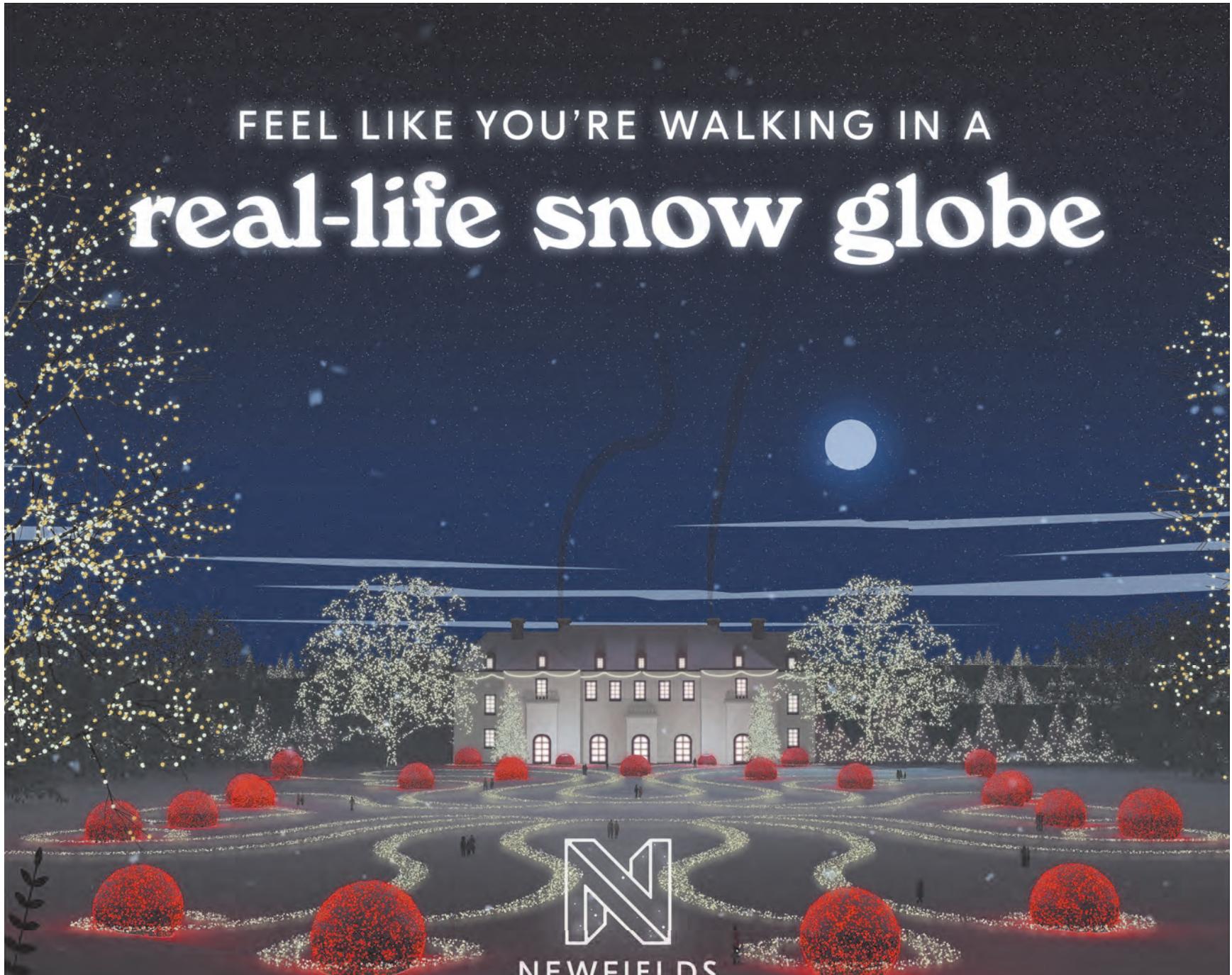
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Welcome to the 2018 NUVO Winter Guide!

We've done our best to round-up all of the wonderful holiday events, performances, shopping, and drinking opportunities in Indianapolis between now and the start of 2019.

From winter light extravaganzas at major attractions like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Newfields, to arts traditions like the Indianapolis Symphony's Yuletide Celebration and myriad *Nutcrackers*, there are literally dozens of opportunities for you and your family to celebrate the holidays in whatever way suits your style. There's a movie *Elf* screening at the Athenaeum and a live musical *Elf* at Beef and Boards this month. The Children's Museum has a production of *The Snow Queen*, the Indiana Repertory Theatre revives *A Christmas Carol*, and Jane Lynch and John Legend are both coming to town with Christmas shows.

There are also a good number of pop-up markets this year featuring local artists and makers that make a truly meaningful alternative to the mall both for the recipient of the gift and the artist you support with your purchase. If you need more options, we've made a list featuring some of our favorite local small businesses according to your shopping needs—everything from knitters to critters.

There's also a special holiday edition of Beer Buzz included with ample opportunities for you to enjoy local craft brew in between concerts, festivals, and shopping trips.

Our deadlines were a little early, so check the calendar listings at nuvo.net for the events and performances we'll continue to add up until the holidays come to an end. And feel free to send us an email at editors@nuvo.net if you've got an event you'd like listed.

Joyeux Noël!

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Make *Festival of Trees* a part of your family's holiday traditions this season – it's included with your *Indiana Experience* admission. Advance tickets make great gifts and are available for purchase at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org).

#### And don't miss:

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Saturday afternoons – Storytime with Santa

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# Holiday Festivals & Family-Fun

CIRCLE OF LIGHTS //

## • LIGHTS AT THE BRICKYARD

Through Dec. 30  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway  
[indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://indianapolismotorspeedway.com)

Few things are more Indianapolis than "The Brickyard." This massive display of over 3 million lights illuminates the historic race track with a 2 mile drive-through display that takes viewers through the IMS infield and down the front stretch. Sure to light up your holiday experience.

## • CHRISTMAS AT THE ZOO

Through Dec. 30  
Indianapolis Zoo  
[indianapoliszoo.com](http://indianapoliszoo.com)

Dating all the way back to 1967, the lights display at Indianapolis Zoo is the oldest zoo lights exhibit in the nation. Take a stroll and enjoy the festive beauty while sipping a warm cocoa with a loved one. Animal lovers will still get what they came for with several of the animal exhibits remaining open late including an appearance by Santa's reindeer.

## • WINTERLIGHTS AT NEWFIELDS

Through Jan. 6  
[discovernewfields.org](http://discovernewfields.org)

Winterlights is the perfect opportunity

to gather with loved ones and take this beautiful display on the Lilly House Lawn. Keep warm with hot chocolate and s'mores. For an even more jaw dropping experience, Newfields is offering special glasses to view the show transforming each of the 1.5 million lights used into snowflakes.

## • GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY CROSSING

Through Dec. 31  
Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Gardens  
[garfieldgardensconservatory.org](http://garfieldgardensconservatory.org)

The idea of a tropical conservatory might not scream Christmas to some, but Conservatory Crossing brings some holiday cheer to Garfield Park's Conservatory and Sunken Gardens. With fun for the whole family ranging from family story hours to hand crafted treats from Mrs. Claus' personal recipe book, this display is sure to delight everyone.

## • HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT REYNOLDS FARM

Through Jan. 1  
Reynolds Farm Equipment, Fishers  
[reynoldsfarmequipment.com](http://reynoldsfarmequipment.com)

This giant John Deere Equipment "farm" in Fishers has been putting on light

displays for over 20 years. The free drive-thru extravaganza is larger than life, literally, with megalithic light structures guaranteed to leave the kids wide-eyed.

## • FESTIVAL OF TREES

Through Jan. 5  
Indiana History Center  
[indianahistory.org](http://indianahistory.org)

Eighty trees will greet you at the Festival of Trees. Each of them will want your vote, each of them will want you to proclaim them your favorite, which will make it difficult for you because you have to choose. This year, they say, they have a showstopper. Will it live up to the hype? In addition to the trees, you can take your kids to the Sugarplum Breakfast where Nutcracker characters will say their hellos.

## • JINGLE RAILS: THE GREAT WESTERN ADVENTURE

Through Jan. 21  
[eiteljorg.org](http://eiteljorg.org)

If you have someone in your family who is nuts over model trains, don't bring them here. You'll never be able to drag them out again. The nine working model trains blow past the skyline of Indianapolis in miniature—including Monument

Circle, Union Circle, and the Eiteljorg, of course—on their way to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite Falls, Old Faithful, and Northwest Coast native villages. Then again, maybe you will be able to bribe your family member out of Jingle Rails by promising them a cross-country Amtrak ride out west next summer.

## • CIRCLE OF LIGHTS TREE LIGHTING

Nov. 23  
Monument Circle  
[downtownindy.org](http://downtownindy.org)

It's the official kick-off to the holiday season in Indianapolis. For the 56th year the tree lighting at Monument Circle will draw thousands to the center of the Circle City. With over 4,700 lights decorating the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, this annual event is a beautiful annual tradition for generations of Hoosiers.

## • HOLIDAY AUTHOR FAIR

Dec. 1  
Indiana History Center  
[indianahistory.org](http://indianahistory.org)

During this annual event, more than 70 authors will be on hand for mixing, mingling and book signing. Book topics will range from sports and biography to youth historical fiction and politics and more. There will be appearances by basketball star and

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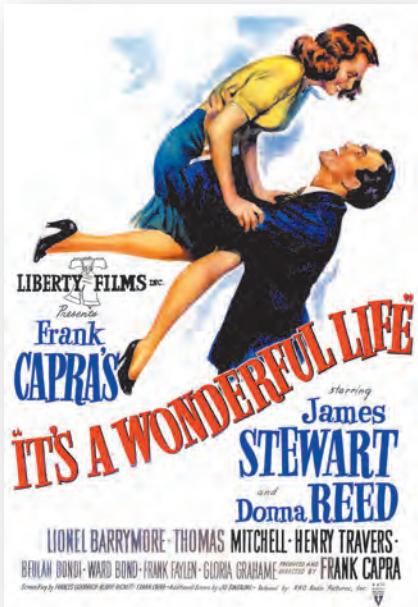
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In addition to a Victorian Santa, Indianapolis-based author Linda Mansfield is scheduled to do a book signing at the James Whitcomb Riley Museum during the Victorian Christmas Open House. Mansfield's four books have a total of 52 seasonal short stories set in Indiana. The museum is located in the Historic Lockerbie Square neighborhood, just a short walk from the galleries, restaurants and retail shops that make up the Mass Ave. Cultural District.

**• CONDUCTOR CODY'S CHRISTMAS EXPRESS**

Dec. 8 - 9  
IndyFringe Building  
[indyfringe.org](http://indyfringe.org)

Louisville-based professional magician Cody Clark, as his children's character Conductor Cody, will be performing his holiday-themed magic show, Conductor Cody's Christmas Express, for the second year in a row. In the style of classic holiday movies like *The Polar Express*, Cody takes his audiences on a magical train trip to the North Pole, with magic routines featuring hot chocolate, reindeer games, jingle bells, and ending with the magical appearance of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**• 12 CHEFS OF CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 8  
Indianapolis City Market  
[indycm.com](http://indycm.com)

If you combine a dozen local chefs and a dozen Hoosier breweries you get a tradition that has been a crowd favorite for years. Attendees will sample pairings of food and drink, with full-sized portions available for purchase. Dishes will include protein, dessert, vegetarian, and seafood. And, a special 13th pairing will combine cider with a poke bowl.

**• INDY VEGFEST HOLIDAY MARKET**

Dec. 9  
Biltwell Event Center  
[biltwelleventcenter.com](http://biltwelleventcenter.com)

For anyone out there searching for the perfect gift for that special vegan or animal lover on your list, look no further than this expansive veggie holiday market. Tons of local artisans selling everything from prepackaged vegan goodies to cruelty free apparel and home decor, there's something for everyone. Does the giving season spirit have a hold on you? This free event also accepts donations to go towards the next Indy VegFest set to take place in March.

**• HANUKKAH PALOOZA**

Dec. 20  
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation  
[ihcindy.org](http://ihcindy.org)

Come light candles, eat latkes and sufganiyot, and celebrate the Hanukkah season with the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Children are invited to create arts and crafts, participate in



STUFF-A-STOCKING IN NASHVILLE, BROWN COUNTY //

family sing-a-longs, and play Hanukkah games. Meanwhile, adults will have the opportunity to take part in text study, a musical program, and singing. The event is free, but make sure to bring your own dinner and menorah.

## OUTSIDE INDY

### • CHRISTMAS FUN AT THE WOODS

Dec. 1  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods  
[sistersofprovidence.org](http://sistersofprovidence.org)

Children and their parents will have the opportunity to take part in many activities throughout the afternoon including carriage rides, hayrides, wagon and trolley rides. Nativity sets will also be on display in Providence Hall. Also participate in Christmas sing-a-longs in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room. Children and families wishing to dress up in front of a nativity scene may do so. Snacks will also be provided throughout the day.

### • STUFF A STOCKING

Dec. 1  
Downtown Nashville  
[browncountygives.org](http://browncountygives.org)

Children will have the opportunity to follow a map to over 25 local merchants gathering treats, ornaments, toys, and more to stuff their Christmas stockings. All proceeds will benefit the Brown County Community Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Brown County area.

### • CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

Dec. 8 - 9  
Traders Point Creamery  
[traderspointcreamery.com](http://traderspointcreamery.com)

There are a lot of Santas around this season, but chances are this is the only opportunity to see Santa in a big red barn as opposed to a shopping mall. Come and sing carols, make holiday crafts, and check out the beautiful farm on a sleigh-hayride. You could also imbibe eggnog, hot chocolate, and pick from a yummy menu from the Jingle Bell Cafe.

### • GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Dec. 9  
1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie  
[minnetrista.net](http://minnetrista.net)

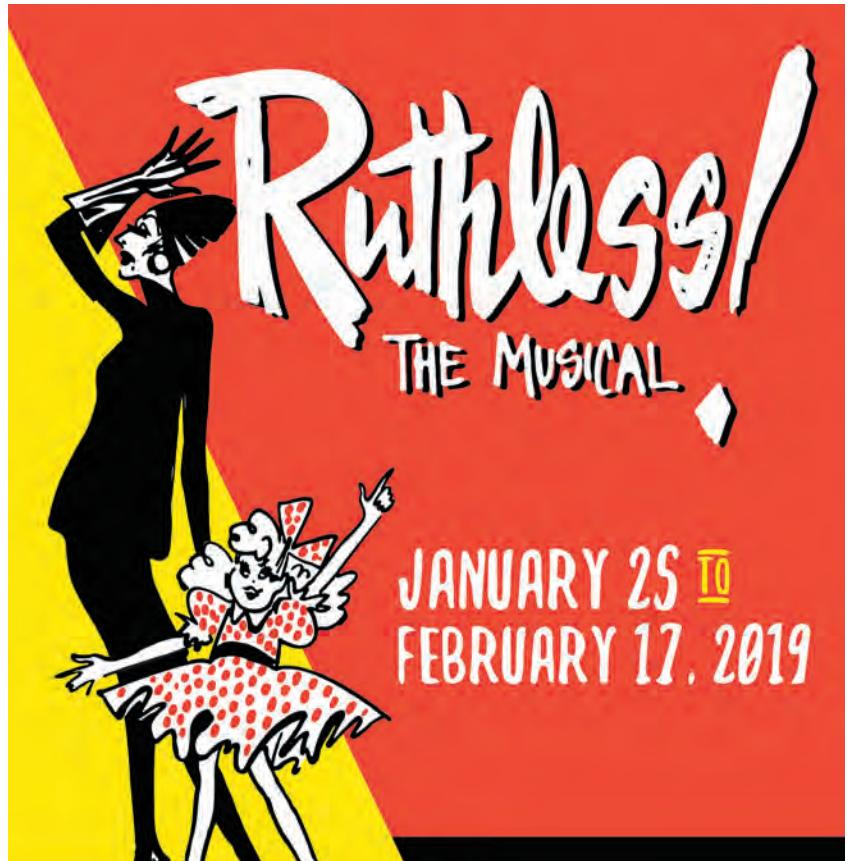
Bring the magic of Christmas to life when you create a gingerbread house with your whole family at Minnetrista's upcoming Gingerbread House Family Workshops. Decorate a personal gingerbread home with colorful candies; enjoy cookies and holiday music; and meet Gingy the gingerbread man before taking a tour of his magical castle.

### • AVON SANTA SHOP

Through Dec. 23  
Red Curb Theatre, Avon  
[redcurbcomedy.com](http://redcurbcomedy.com)

Red Curb Theatre will host Santa in his cozy workshop for nine days through the holiday season. Adrienne Nicole Photography will provide professional photographs during each family's visit. Santa's workshop will offer extra holiday magic and surprises including hot cider, hot cocoa, holiday cookies, Christmas movies, and the opportunity to donate to local charities.

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• **BLACK ACRE BREWING CO.**

Nov. 23  
5529 Bonna Ave.  
[blackacrebrewing.com](http://blackacrebrewing.com)

Releasing 2018 New Day Imperial Breakfast Magpie on draft. 14.6 percent ABV, along with 2017 version on draft and 2018 Black Acre Breakfast Magpie Beard Tax on draft and in bottles for carry out. 21 and up.

• **CHILLY WATER BREWING**

Nov. 23  
719 Virginia Ave.  
[chillywaterbrewing.com](http://chillywaterbrewing.com)

Bottle release, 12.1 percent ABV Friend of the Devil Doppelbock, aged in Old Pogue Bourbon barrels; packaged with individual bottle numbers and wax sealed. And plan ahead for 'Jerry Christmas and Happy Bob Weir' party at 8 p.m., Dec. 28; live music of the Grateful Dead by Shelf Dusters Union with special guest Dan Krzywicki on keyboards; Tapping Barrel-Aged Sticky Fingers Imperial Breakfast Stout, aged in Hotel Tango Distillery "freshly dumped bourbon barrels."

• **FLAT12 BIERWERKS**

Nov. 24  
414 Dorman St.  
[flat12.me](http://flat12.me)

Babes in Boyland event benefiting the Julian Center features a limited release beer specially brewed by Holly Miller of Black Acre Brewing Co., and Flat12's Valerie Green with Head Brewer Sean Lewis. Search #babesinboyland for more.

• **ALL UPLAND BREWERY LOCATIONS**

Nov. 26  
[uplandbeer.com](http://uplandbeer.com)

Pints with a Purpose is honoring Veterans by donating a portion of each pint sold to support Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, a statewide nonprofit that helps homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engages at-risk veterans to prevent them from becoming homeless.

• **CENTERPOINT BREWING**

Nov. 27  
1125 E. Brookside Ave.  
[centerpointbrewing.com](http://centerpointbrewing.com)

Books, Brews & Brains science book club features *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and The Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen* by Christopher McDougall. Ulndy Biology faculty member David Wolfe is the scientist guest; Cari Lewis Tsinovoi facilitates the on-going Quantum Leap series. Contact Mel Fox ([melfox@thedavincipursuit.org](mailto:melfox@thedavincipursuit.org)) for 2019 schedule.

**• SUN KING BREWING**

Nov. 27  
135 N. College Ave.  
[sunkingbrewing.com](http://sunkingbrewing.com)

CANvCAN Do Party on Giving Tuesday; checks from CANvitational 2018 go to: IndyHub, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Art with a Heart, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, and Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center.

**• BLACK ACRE BREWING CO.**

Nov. 27  
5529 Bonna Ave.  
[blackacrebrewing.com](http://blackacrebrewing.com)

Pints for a Purpose on National Day of Giving; for every pint sold, donating \$1 to the T.C. Howe Alumni Association Scholarship Fund for scholarships to Seniors at T.C. Howe Community High School.

**• ASH & ELM CIDER CO.**

Nov. 30  
2104 E. Washington St.  
[ashandelmcider.com](http://ashandelmcider.com)

Can and draft release of Marigold Chai Cider, a blend of Chai tea [cardamom, ginger, cinnamon and clove], cold-brew black tea and A&E's base cider; refreshing and warming.

**• NEW DAY CRAFT**

Wednesdays in December  
1102 Prospect St.  
[Newdaycraft.com](http://newdaycraft.com)

Head to New Day in Fountain Square every Wednesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas for a pop-up shop featuring local artists and makers. Sip an Imperial Breakfast Magpie and/or enjoy a massage as part of Mead and Knead while you shop.

**• FOUNTAIN SQUARE BREW**

Dec. 7  
1301 Barth Ave.  
[fountainsquarebrewery.com](http://fountainsquarebrewery.com)

Spend your First Friday enjoying the work of 30 local artist working with a "Feed Me Weird Things" theme as well as the music of Tommy Icarus, all while drinking great local brew.

**• BLACK ACRE BREWING CO.**

Dec. 8  
5529 Bonna Ave.  
[blackacrebrewing.com](http://blackacrebrewing.com)

Second anniversary celebration featuring IRON DIAMOND. And don't miss the release of the Beard Tax Russian Imperial Stout draft and four packs of 16-ounce cans on Dec. 11.

**• DAREDEVIL BREWING CO.**

Dec 8  
1151 Main St., Speedway  
[daredevilbeer.com](http://daredevilbeer.com)

Sixth Anniversary celebration and Customer Appreciation Day with specials, beer tappings and salute to LiftOff!

**• TOMLINSON TAP ROOM**

Dec. 11  
222 E. Market St.  
[indycm.com/tomlinson-tap-room](http://indycm.com/tomlinson-tap-room)

Girls Pint Out and Pink Boots-Indianapolis, Ladies of Beer collaborative event. "Each brewery woman will choose a beer from her brewery to be on tap that night." Everyone welcome.

**• INDIANA HISTORY CENTER**

Dec. 13  
450 W. Ohio St.  
[indianahistory.org](http://indianahistory.org)

At "Good Beers & Ugly Sweaters" sip seasonal Indiana craft beers, munch hearty appetizers, and stroll through Festival of Trees exhibit. Prizes for best ugly sweaters. Tickets at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

**• REDEMPTION ALEWERKS**

Jan. 24, 2019  
7035 E. 96th St.  
[redemptionalewerks.com](http://redemptionalewerks.com)

Five-course beer dinner with special menu designed specifically to compliment the two beer samples per course: "one of our original beers and the second the same beer aged on fresh fruit and/or herbs, spices, dry hops, etc."

**• BREWERS GUILD WINTERFEST**

Feb. 1-2, 2019  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
[www.drinkin.beer](http://www.drinkin.beer)

Mark your calendars now for the 2019 Brewers of Indiana Guild Winterfest. Get tickets and updated info at [drinkin.beer](http://drinkin.beer) in December.



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Fri Feb 15 at 8pm  
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Fri Feb 22 at 8pm  
The Palladium



**A TRIBUTE TO  
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THE JULIAN BLISS SEPTET**  
Sat Feb 23 at 8pm  
The Palladium



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Thurs Feb 28 at 7:30pm  
The Palladium



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Fri March 1 at 8pm  
The Palladium



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THE BENNY GREEN TRIO**  
Fri March 8 at 8pm  
The Tarkington



**GRAHAM NASH**  
Fri March 22 at 8pm  
The Palladium



**JACK JONES**  
Sat March 23 at 8pm  
The Palladium



**THE WORLD OF MAGIC:  
WHERE A DREAM COMES TRUE**  
Sat March 23 at 2 & 7pm  
The Tarkington



**MICHAEL FEINSTEIN**  
Sat April 13 at 8pm  
The Palladium



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Sun April 14 at 7pm  
The Palladium



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OF PERCUSSION**  
Thurs April 18 at 7:30pm  
The Palladium



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THE MUSIC OF ABBA**  
Thurs May 2 at 7:30pm  
The Palladium



**AMY GRANT**  
Fri May 3 at 8pm  
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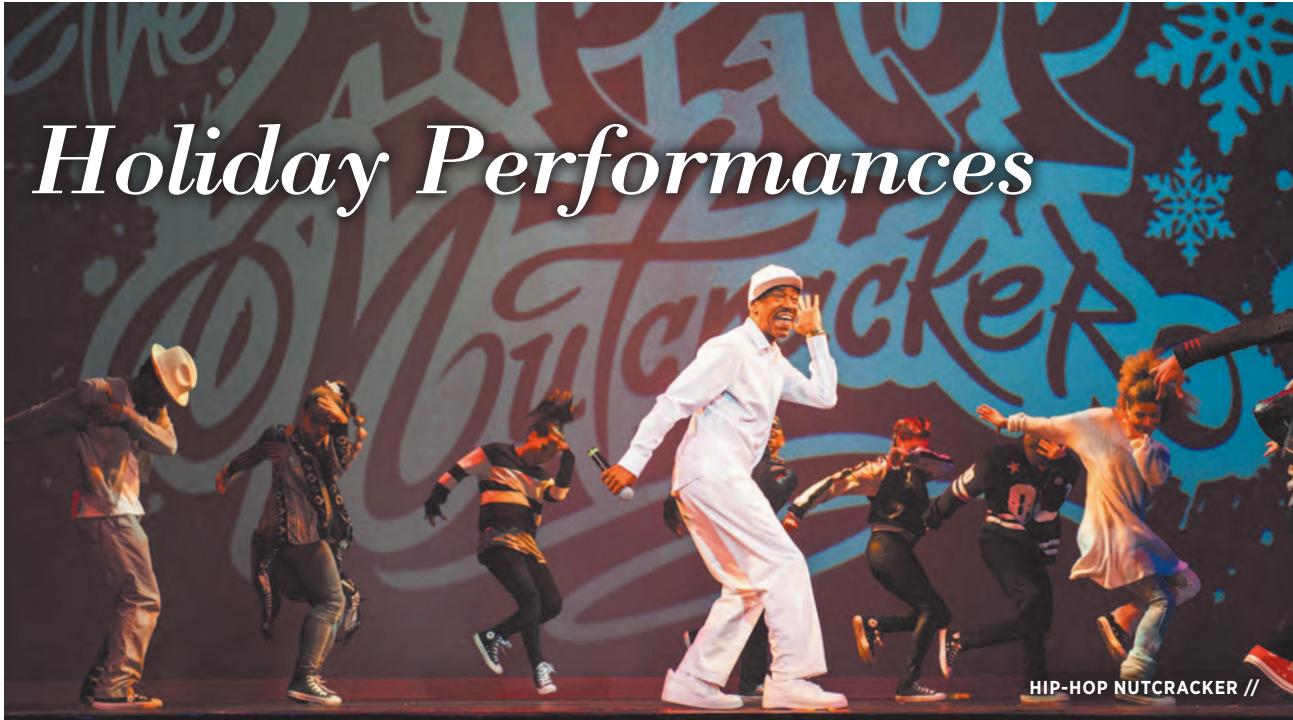
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# Holiday Performances



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## THEATRE & DANCE

### • CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Through Dec. 26  
Indiana Repertory Theatre  
[irtlive.com](http://irtlive.com)

You may have grown up with this perennial favorite, but hopefully you've never grown tired of it. After all, we're all visited by our own personal ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, as it were. This version, adapted by Tom Hass, promises to remind us that redemption remains possible, even for the stingiest (or the twitteriest) of us. Or maybe not. But it's certainly pretty to think so.

### • ELF: THE MUSICAL

Through Dec. 31  
Beef and Boards  
[beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com)

Do you identify with the young orphan, Buddy, who is raised as an elf after hiding in Santa's bag of gifts and being flown to his castle on the North Pole? No? How about when Buddy grows much larger than the other elves, unaware that he's human? How about when his poor toy making abilities are called out by his elf peers? After all this you might, then, do what Buddy does when he discovers the truth: take a voyage of self-discovery. This is a plotline that can be both appreciated by fans of self-help books and the five-year-old set.

### • A VERY PHOENIX XMAS 13: MERRY SUPERSTITIOUS

Nov. 23 - Dec. 23  
Phoenix Cultural Centre  
[phoenixtheatre.org](http://phoenixtheatre.org)

While you can't call this a traditional holiday show, it's a tradition nevertheless, now in its 13th year, directed by Q Artistry artistic director Ben Asaykwee. There's more than a little sketch comedy and more than a little cabaret sprinkled into this yuletide extravaganza, with an all-women cast, that also pays homage to Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and reflects the social anxieties of the moment. The laughs will be liberally applied, of course, like the rum in your eggnog.

### • THE SNOW QUEEN

Nov. 23 - Dec. 30  
Children's Museum of Indianapolis  
[childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org)

This loose adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story tells the tale of 12 year-old Gerda's quest to save her best friend who has been kidnapped by the evil Snow Queen. A perfect show for the whole family that will keep parents engaged just as much as the children. Will Gerda be able to prevent her friend's heart from freezing over? Head to the Children's Museum at the end of November and find out.

### • DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS: THE MUSICAL

Nov. 27 - Dec. 2

Murat at Old National Centre  
[oldnationalcentre.com](http://oldnationalcentre.com)

Everyone is familiar with the holiday classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, but this musical stage production is something fresh and new to behold. This version, narrated by Max the dog, was developed by three-time Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien. Everyone's favorite tunes will be present as the citizens of Whoville help you ring in Christmas.

### • BROZONE: CHRISTMAS DON'T BE LATE

Nov. 30 - Dec. 16  
IndyFringe  
[indyfringe.org](http://indyfringe.org)

Are you now or have you ever been a member of a boy band fan club? Then you'll love BroZone, the story of a past-their-prime, Midwestern boy band. After being offered a once-in-a-lifetime gig in California, the band gets snowed in at the airport on Christmas Eve on their way to the show. Will they ever get to melt the hearts of former teeny-boppers with their new dad bods or will their career be put forever on ice?

### • GREGORY HANCOCK DANCE THEATRE: THE NUTCRACKER

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1  
Pike Performing Arts Center  
[gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org](http://gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org)

This version of The Nutcracker, in its 21st performance season, has a decidedly modern twist. Featuring the student dancers of GHDT's pre-professional company, the pro-

duction portrays Clara as a homeless orphan who, through assisting a homeless man, discovers the true meaning of Christmas. In another twist, world music will replace the Tchaikovsky ballet score.

### • HIP-HOP NUTCRACKER

Dec. 7  
Murat Theatre at Old National Centre  
[livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

A unique spin on the traditional Nutcracker, this traveling production features hip-hop pioneer Kurtis Blow as the emcee. A contemporary dance spectacle set to Tchaikovsky's timeless music, the presentation includes a dozen all-star dancers, an on-stage DJ, and an electric violinist. Digital graffiti and visuals also alter the setting of E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic tale from traditional 19th century Germany to a vibrant and contemporary New York City.

### • NOËL THE MUSICAL

Dec. 10  
Clowes Memorial Hall  
[butlerartscenter.org](http://butlerartscenter.org)

It's the first American tour for this new musical from London, and Indianapolis is one of 30 cities seeing its debut here. The brainchild of top-selling children's author Eoin Colfer (*Artemis Fowl*) and Irish film composer Liam Bates, *NOËL* tells the story of a little girl (Noël), who is preparing for her starring role in a school Christmas play when she is faced with a challenge she'll need friends to overcome. Learn more about the show at [noelthemusical.com](http://noelthemusical.com).

### • INDIANAPOLIS BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER

Dec. 14 - 16  
Murat Theatre  
[indyballet.org](http://indyballet.org)

For more than a decade the Indianapolis Ballet has presented its interpretation of Tchaikovsky's classic, and this year promises to be just as magical. More than 20 cast members from the professional company will be joined by the 45-piece orchestra in one of the city's most beautiful historic theaters. If it's not already a family tradition, it should be. Matinee shows Saturday and Sunday.

### • BALLET THEATRE OF INDIANA: THE NUTCRACKER

Dec. 20 - 23  
Basilé Theatre at the Historic Athenaeum  
[btindiana.org](http://btindiana.org)

Ballet Theatre of Indiana's retelling of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet, staged in the Historic Basilé Theatre at the Athenaeum, has something for everyone. The production promises visceral, fast-paced

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dancing along with the familiar storyline. If last year's performance was any indication, BTI's dancers will take the story of young girl Clara, who is given a nutcracker as a Christmas present, and make it new again. Let's hope she doesn't get eaten by the wicked rats on the way to saving her prince.

#### • DANCE KALEIDOSCOPE: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dec. 6 - 16  
Indiana Repertory Theatre  
[irtlive.com](http://irtlive.com)

It's cool that Hanukkah gets equal billing to Christmas in DK's Home for the Holidays. Act One, Let There Be Light, tells the Hanukkah origin story, and is choreographed by DK artistic director David Hochoy. Act Two will be a whirlwind of Christmas festivity and tradition from around the world with your usual side dish of DK sass and panache.

## MUSIC & CONCERTS

#### • MISTLETOE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nov. 27 - Dec. 19  
Indianapolis Artsgarden  
[indyarts.org](http://indyarts.org)

This is your chance to imbibe some Christmas spirit, by checking out some of the talent of Indy's young performers, whether you're shopping downtown at Circle Center Mall or on your lunch break. Why not amble over

from the food court and give a listen to the local and regional choirs, bands, and orchestras? Participants include Sugar Creek Elementary, Christel House Academy Varsity Singers, and Elwood High School.

#### • THE NIGHT ALT 103-3 STOLE XMAS

Nov. 29  
Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
[alt1033.iheart.com](http://alt1033.iheart.com)

Alt 103.3 welcomes Scottish synth-pop band Chvrches to Indianapolis for their annual holiday concert. Fronted by Lauren Mayberry, Chvrches emerged in 2013 with the success of their debut album, *The Bones of What You Believe*. Now touring in support of their third full-length, *Love Is Dead*, the band will headline a lineup at Indiana Farmers Coliseum that also features AJR and The Struts.

#### • DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1  
Asante Children's Theatre  
[asantechildrenstheatre.org](http://asantechildrenstheatre.org)

If you're a fan of the blues -- and Asante Children's Theatre's mission -- Down Home Christmas, directed by Deborah Asante and Alicia Sims, should be just the ticket for you. It's described as a "blues groove, just in time for the holidays." The show will celebrate the legacy of Blues through the ages, celebrating the music of Muddy Waters, William Dixon, Ray Charles, Etta James, and many more. The show will also feature a full band, led by musical director Mark Duerson.

**• INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY:  
YULETIDE CELEBRATION**

Nov. 30-Dec. 23  
Hilbert Circle Theatre  
[indianapolissymphony.org](http://indianapolissymphony.org)

For more than 30 years, the ISO has been providing a holiday concert perfect for music lovers of all types and ages. This year, the ISO and Pops Conductor Jack Everly will be joined by vocalists Josh Kaufman and Angela Brown for traditions like "Twas the Night Before Christmas," tap-dancing Santas, and a new North Pole reality singing competition called "Santa's Choice." Dance group Expressenz, who were recently featured on Jennifer Lopez's *World of Dance* reality show, will also perform.

**• JANE LYNCH:  
A SWINGIN' LITTLE CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 1  
The Center for the Performing Arts  
[centerforperformingarts.org](http://centerforperformingarts.org)

While Jane Lynch has recently made a name for herself on television as the ruthless cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester on Fox's *Glee* and host of *Hollywood Game Night*, she's a sharp comic and a spot-on singer as well. Her 2016 album *A Swingin' Little Christmas* is the basis for the show that also features actress Kate Flannery (*Meredith* on NBC's *The Office*); singer-producer Tim Davis (vocal arranger from *Glee*), and the Tony Guerrero Jazz Quintet.

**• CHIMES OF CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 1  
IU Auditorium, Bloomington  
[iuauditorium.com](http://iuauditorium.com)

Led by Indiana University's Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble, the Singing Hoosiers, Chimes of Christmas has been a staple in Bloomington holiday culture for generations, showcasing a versatile cast of performers and musical hits that span across multiple wintertime holidays. The concert features performances by special guests Timothy Noble (baritone), Katherine Jolly (soprano), Indiana University Children's Chorus, Symphonic Band, Horn Choir, Hooshir, and more.



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**• WTTFS ROCK TO READ WITH  
DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE**

Dec. 3  
Murat Theatre at Old National Centre  
[wttfsfm.com](http://wttfsfm.com)

Led by Ben Gibbard and his feathery voice, Death Cab for Cutie visits Indianapolis in support of their 2018 album, *Thank You For Today*. Since finding mainstream success in the early 2000's with albums like *Trasatlanticism* and *Plans*, the Washington band has become a fixture of the indie-rock world, earning a myriad of Grammy nominations along the way.

**• TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA:  
GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS EVE**

Dec. 5  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
[transsiberian.com](http://transsiberian.com)

This long running production, premiering in 1999 on Fox Family TV, is about a runaway who takes shelter in a vacated theater on Christmas eve, and is treated to visions of musical performances from the theater's past. This 20th anniversary tour promises spectacle, good cheer, and lotsa Christmas carols.

**• BUTLER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:  
REJOICE!**

Dec. 7 and 8  
Butler Arts Center  
[butlerartscenter.org](http://butlerartscenter.org)

This year's concerts will feature the Butler Chorale (directed by Professor Eric Stark), the University Choir (directed by Assistant Professor John Perkins), and the Chamber Singers (also directed by Stark), along with the orchestra conducted by Richard Clark. They will be performing selections that include Haydn's "Gloria" (from *Nikolaimesse*), "A Most Wonderful Christmas," Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain."



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• **INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONIC CHOIR: FESTIVAL OF CAROLS**

Dec. 9, Dec. 21 - 23  
[indychoir.org](http://indychoir.org)

Performing at both the Warren Performing Arts Center and at the Center for the Performing Arts, this festival features Michel McConnell, known for her tenure in Phantom of the Opera. The Choir will be joined by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra for this performance, performing favorites like "Dream Isaiah Saw" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

• **SANTA SLAM 2018 WITH MIGOS**

Dec. 9  
 Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
[hot963.com](http://hot963.com)

With a slew of hits to their name, Atlanta's Migos have placed themselves high up on the modern hip-hop totem pole in recent years. Fresh off the release of *Culture II*, Takeoff, Quavo, and Offset will headline this year's Santa Slam, presented by local radio stations Hot 96.3 and Radio Now 100.9. In addition to Migos, other acts on the 2018 Santa Slam lineup include Bazzi, Bryce Vine, Tee Grizzley, and more.

• **JOHN LEGEND: A LEGENDARY CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 10  
 Murat Theatre at Old National Centre  
[livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

Out on the road as part of his 2018 album *A Legendary Christmas*, John Legend visits Indianapolis just over two weeks before the beloved December holiday. Having worked with everyone from Jay-Z to Lauryn Hill over the years, Legend's Christmas album was produced by Raphael Saadiq and features guest appearances from Esperanza Spalding and Stevie Wonder.

• **WZPL TCC JINGLE JAM WITH THE CHAINSMOKERS**

Dec. 11  
 Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
[wzpl.radio.com](http://wzpl.radio.com)

Since emerging in 2014 with their song "#Selfie," The Chainsmokers have quickly ascended to pop music's upper echelon. Consisting of Alex Pall and Andrew Taggart, the DJ duo is best known for their song "Closer," which currently has more than 1.4 billion plays on Spotify. When The Chainsmokers make their way to Indy for this year's Jingle Jam, they will be joined on the bill by Bebe Rexha and Marshmello.

• **HOLLY AND IVY: HOLIDAY ORGAN CONCERT**

Dec. 13  
 Indiana Landmarks  
[indianalandmarks.org](http://indianalandmarks.org)

This particular holiday offering is a real treat for organ lovers. You will be able to hear sopranos Diana Huntton, Jennie Swick, and Kayla Shoemaker singing to music played by Mark Herman on a restored 1892 Sanborn organ. Also included is an audience sing-along to favorite holiday carols, and a reception with spiced cider and holiday cookies.

• **NORM LEWIS: NUTCRACKER COOL**

Dec. 14 - 16  
[thecabaret.org](http://thecabaret.org)

Tony-nominated Norm Lewis made a name for himself starring in shows like *Porgy and Bess* and *Phantom of the Opera*, including as the first African American actor to perform the title role of *Phantom on Broadway*. For the holidays, he's on tour and headed to Indianapolis. During his weekend at The Cabaret, Lewis will be putting his unique spin on such classics as "This Christmas", "Santa Baby" and "Where is Love?"



ISO YULETIDE CELEBRATION //

# New Year's Celebrations



## • NEW YEAR'S COMEDY FESTIVAL

Sunday, Dec. 30, 7 p.m.  
Indiana Farmers Coliseum at State Fairgrounds  
[indianastatefair.com/events](http://indianastatefair.com/events)

Last year or two got you down in the dumps? Need a little laughter to get you into 2019? This comedy festival is sure to get your funny bones going no matter how grim the past year might seem. Comedians Mike Epps, Sommore, Earthquake, DC Young Fly, and Mark Curry take the stage at the Pepsi Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds for a night of rib clenching fun. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets begin at \$49.

## • COUNTDOWN TO NOON

Monday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Children's Museum of Indianapolis  
[childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org)

The city's longest running New Year's party that's just for the kids. The Children's Museum will have two DJs and tons of kid friendly entertainment. In addition to jugglers and a full brass marching band parade, the kids also get access to the museum's awesome list of ongoing exhibits including exhibits on how snow is made and an exhibit where you can make your own robot arm.

## • FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, Dec. 31, 6-9 p.m.  
Indiana State Museum  
[indianamuseum.org](http://indianamuseum.org)

In search of a New Year's plan the whole family can enjoy? Look no further than the Indiana State Museum. This alcohol free bash is fun for all with entertainment ranging from magicians to face painting. For those too young to hit midnight, an 8 p.m. balloon drop will allow them to get in on the New Year's fun. Tickets are only \$15 and members can score theirs for just \$9.

## • INDY MASQUERADE

Monday, Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m.  
Union Station  
[eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

Indy's formal New Year's Eve party takes place at Union Station and its lineup of festivities lets you experience three parties at once. Immerse yourself in the feel of a 1920s costume ball and party like Gatsby himself in the Speakeasy Lounge. If you're feeling Bond-like, the Grand Ballroom will have casino games and cocktails (shaken or stirred, we won't judge). Top it all off with DJ HQ, an immersive interactive DJ experience with the city's hottest DJs. Tickets start at \$130.

## • BILLY FEST BASH

Monday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.  
Square Cat Vinyl  
[squarecatvinyl.com](http://squarecatvinyl.com)

Fountain Square's newest record shopping hotspot hosts its first New Year's Eve celebration and it's all about Billy. Ring in the New Year with artists covering all your favorite musical Billys from Billy Joel to Billy Corgan. Tickets are \$15 and include a Schlitz toast at midnight. Come dressed as your favorite musical Billy to compete in the Billy-look-alike costume contest.

## • A NIGHT AT STUDIO 54

Monday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.  
Pan Am Plaza Pavilion  
[eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

Having some disco fever this holiday season? Come boogie on down to Pan Am Pavilion's Studio 54-themed New Year's Eve bash. A huge slate of DJs will be spinning disco classics alongside top 40 and modern hits. Come shake your booty with professional dances and disco roller girls. Tickets start at \$100 and come with a free welcome cocktail and party favors.



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## • HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET

Nov. 24 - 25  
Biltwell Event Center  
[marketsformakers.com](http://marketsformakers.com)

This two-day event hosts more than 50 local makers with gorgeous handmade gifts ranging from original artwork to handbags, toys, soaps and fragrances, jewelry, and much, much more. VIP and Early Bird tickets available, general admission is \$10, free tote while supplies last.

## • WINTER ART SALE

Dec. 1 - 2  
Indianapolis Art Center  
[indplsartcenter.org](http://indplsartcenter.org)

Support the Art Center students, faculty, and staff who will be selling wares, and artwork at this annual art sale. Patrons will not only be able to shop these items, but they will be invited to decorate cookies, play games, and enjoy warm drinks while snuggling up beside the Ruth Lilly Library fireplace. On the same weekend, you are invited to check out the Winter Pop-Up Workshops focusing on creating family portraits, handmade greeting cards, and more.

## • INDIANA HANDICRAFT EXCHANGE

Dec. 7  
Harrison Center for the Arts  
[indieanahandicraftexchange.org](http://indieanahandicraftexchange.org)

Why not shop the tables of 50+ artists and makers at this annual event in conjunction with your cruising the First Friday

## Gallery openings at the Harrison Center?

This is one of the premier events for you artsy types to knock out your holiday shopping and support your local artists. If you are one of the first patrons in the door you get a free swag bag with some surprises and coupons from artists.

## • STUTZ HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 7  
Stutz Business & Arts Center  
[stutzartists.com](http://stutzartists.com)

At this Open House, the Stutz Artists' Association wants you to get all wrapped up in the spirit of the season. This show features the works of more than 100 artists, everything from paintings to funky hats. There will be all the amenities for a grand night out: entertainment, food and beverages from the Stutz-based Bearcats Restaurant, and deserts from local caterers.

## • RUCKUS FIRST FRIDAY

Dec. 7  
Circle City Industrial Complex  
[ruckusindy.com](http://ruckusindy.com)

December First Friday is the perfect time to stop by the Ruckus Makerspace. Not only can you visit one of the best small business incubators in the city, you can also find out what all those talented people have been busy doing, and buy their spoils as the perfect holiday gift. Make a night of it and check out the numerous other studios and galleries and shops in the CCIC.

## • YELP'S TOTALLY BAZAAR

Dec. 8  
Indianapolis Central Public Library  
[yelp.com](http://yelp.com)

This annual Christmas bazaar brings together over 120 local businesses under one roof. You can even get your presents wrapped and help homeless pets through Hope Marie's Fund at the same time. If you have the Yelp app, you can check in at the event and receive a free Yelp Shop Local tote bag. Several food and drink vendors will also be on hand, but the event itself is free.

## • ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR AND MAKERS MARKET

Dec. 15  
Irving Theater  
[irvingtheater.com](http://irvingtheater.com)

More than 30 local vendors will be on hand offering handcrafted items at this year's alternative gift fair, a favorite since beginning in 2007. Admission is free, and donations of men's hats, socks, and gloves are being asked for PourHouse, a local street outreach and peer advocacy group serving homeless individuals.

## • SQUARE CAT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Dec. 15  
Square Cat Vinyl  
[squarecatvinyl.com](http://squarecatvinyl.com)

Head to Fountain Square for a day of shopping with dozens of local makers

offering everything from pottery to soap. Flat12 is providing the drinks, and musical performances take place throughout the day from groups like the Circle City Chamber Choir and Dysfunktion Brass.

## • CARMEL CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Through Dec. 23  
10 Center Green, Carmel  
[carmelchristkindlmarkt.com](http://carmelchristkindlmarkt.com)

The German Christmas Market returns to downtown Carmel for a second year of what promises to become a long tradition. Ice skating, German food, and an amazing selection of mulled beverages are plentiful—as are vendors set up all around the square offering lots of opportunities to find a perfect gift. The Market is open Wednesday-Sunday (closed Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving Day). Wednesdays and Thursdays 4-9 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays noon-9 p.m.

## • HANDMADE PROMENADE HOLIDAY POP-UP

Through Dec. 28  
750 N. College Ave.  
[facebook.com/handmadepromenade](http://facebook.com/handmadepromenade)

Dozens of local makers come together for this month-long pop-up to show and sell their goods. Located just off Mass Ave. on College, Handmade Promenade also offers a series of holiday-themed events. Coming up are a ladies night out and a guy's night out, each with snacks, drinks, and special discounts.

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## • A DAY OF DRUMS

[RhythmDiscoveryCenter.org](http://RhythmDiscoveryCenter.org)

Indianapolis is home to some amazing museums, including the Rhythm! Discovery Center. Located in the heart of downtown, the world's foremost fully interactive drum and percussion museum features a myriad of exhibits highlighting historic artifacts and percussion instruments from around the world. The museum offers many hands-on experiences, making it a lot of fun for the whole family. The drum nerd in your life will also get a kick out of a Neil Peart drum kit that's currently on display.

## • A NIGHT OF WORLD-CLASS JAZZ

[TheJazzKitchen.com](http://TheJazzKitchen.com)

Dating back to the days of Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis has made its mark on the world of jazz music, producing such greats as Freddie Hubbard, J.J. Johnson, and Wes Montgomery. In keeping this heritage alive, The Jazz Kitchen regularly hosts jazz greats young and old on its stage, while also offering a delicious food and drink menu. Notable acts that have visited the venue over the years include Dee Dee Bridgewater, John Scofield, and Harry Connick Jr.

## • A CRASH COURSE IN SALSA DANCING

[RDCIndy.com](http://RDCIndy.com)

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## • A LIFE OF MUSICAL EXPLORATION

Anywhere Offering Music Lessons

Following the purchase of an instrument, the logical next step is to seek out lessons from a skilled instructor. Finding someone is an easy google search away, whether they're at Indy String Theory or IRC Music. If you're looking to go a more non-conventional music route, Deckademics is also Indy's first and only DJ school, offering novice, amateur, intermediate, and advanced DJ lessons.

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#### • A LOCAL ALBUM OR THREE

##### A Local Record Store Near You

2018 was another great year for Indiana releases. While many albums only came out digitally via streaming services, others were pressed to wax. Some local records we would suggest include ByBye's *Metamorphasize*, Charlie Ballantine's *Life Is Brief*, Kevin Krauter's *Toss Up*, Richard Edwards' *Verdugo*, S.M. Wolf's *Bad Ocean*, and Sirius Blvck's *Major Threat*, just to name a few. Do your part and shop local at record stores like Irvington Vinyl & Books, LUNA Music, Indy CD & Vinyl, and Square Cat Records.

#### • AN EVENING WITH THE SYMPHONY

##### [IndianapolisSymphony.org](#)

One of the nation's most renowned orchestras, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra offers a wide array of programming every year, from laid-back Happy Hour shows to traditional concert hall engagements. Looking through the end of the year and ahead to 2019, there are plenty of great concerts to choose from, including a string of Harry Potter shows near the start of January as well as a two-week Parisian festival.

#### • AN INTIMATE CONCERT EXPERIENCE

##### One of Indy's Smaller Music Venues

True music fans know the magic of an intimate concert experience. Lucky for us, Indianapolis has plenty of great small venues for show-going. Voted Indy's best small music venue in NUVO's 2018 reader's poll, HI-FI has shows announced through March 2019. Other great small venues to keep an eye on include Black Circle Brewing Co., Cabaret, Chatterbox, Duke's, Emerson Theatre, Hoosier Dome, Irving Theater, Melody Inn, Mousetrap, Pioneer, Radio Radio, Slippery Noodle Inn, Square Cat Vinyl, State Street Pub, and White Rabbit Cabaret.

#### • A LARGE-SCALE CONCERT EXPERIENCE

##### One of Indy's Larger Music Venues

From Cher to Migos, there are several marquee acts visiting Indy this winter. In addition to places like Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indiana Farmers Coliseum, and Old National Centre, we advise you make sure and cover all the large venue bases. This includes checking the calendars at Carmel Center for the Performing Arts, Clowes Hall, Pan Am Plaza, and the Vogue.



GUITAR TOWN IN IRVINGTON // PHOTO BY MERCER T. SUPPIGER

## LOCAL SHOPS

#### • ANTIQUES/VINTAGE

If you want to spend an afternoon browsing antiques and vintage goods for perfect gifts your two best bets are **Midland Antiques** downtown and the **Southport Antique Mall**. Both offer seemingly acres of one-of-a-kind items from the past at all price points. **Queen Bee Vintage**, on the near-northside, in the Penn Arts Building, has a good mix of household items, decor and clothing; as does **Second Stories Antiques** in McCordsville. If you're only interested in vintage clothing, start at **Broad Ripple Vintage**. Don't see what you're looking for? Hit up Goodwill's **Vintage Vogue** in Fountain Square or on the northside at 62nd Street.

#### • BIKES

If there's a cyclist on your list this year, go to any one of Indy's bike shops for help choosing something perfect for the ride. Don't worry about it being winter, those two-wheel enthusiasts can either bundle up or save the gift for spring-like weather when it returns. Your first stop should be **Bicycle Garage Indy (BGI)**, which has a location at **City Market** and another at 82nd Street in the River's Edge shops. **Indy Cycle Specialists** on East Washington Street is another great

option for bikes and gear. **Freewheelin'** at 33rd and Central Avenue has new and refurbished bikes that fit every budget.

#### • BOOKS

Indy's got a bookstore problem, and by that we mean there aren't enough of them. Luckily, the precious few we do have are excellent. Start your book shopping at **Indy Reads Books** on Mass Ave. where you'll find a terrific array of new and gently used books. Shopping here helps support local literacy programs, so you're actually giving multiple gifts when you spend! **Irvington Vinyl & Books** also has a nice selection of books and zines. If you're shopping for youngsters, **Kids Ink** bookstore at 54th and Illinois is where you should go first. If there's a history-loving bibliophile on your list, make a stop at the **Basile History Market** inside the Indiana History Center downtown. With a large selection of books and gifts inspired by our state's history, it's the perfect stop any good Hoosier on your list.

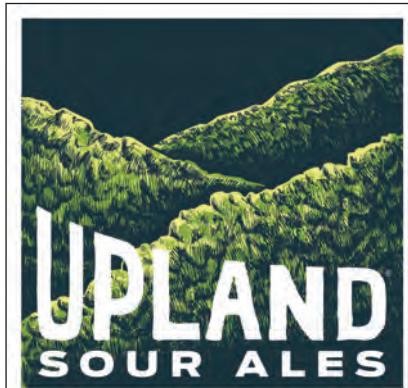
#### • FASHION

Non-mall options for clothes can be sparse in Indy, but you do have several good choices. For gals, head to **Sage Boutique** on Mass Ave. or **Pitaya** in Broad Ripple for original fashion. Guys

have several good choices as well, including **Toolbox** on Mass Ave. and **James Dant** in Irvington. If you're shopping for little ones, don't miss **Nurture**, also on Mass Ave., for baby and toddler clothes and gifts.

#### • GIFTS

Looking for something original, maybe even a little quirky? Mass Ave has multiple options that should prove useful: **Silver in the City** has long been a favorite, and **Homespun Modern Homemade** has also established itself as a staple by this point. Don't miss **Pumkinfish** and **Global Gifts** as well. If you're in Irvington, check out **Black Sheep Gifts** for wonderfully unique items; and don't miss **Artifacts** in Broad Ripple for upscale and original items you won't find anywhere else in town. Area museums are also great options for gift shops. The **Museum and Garden Shop at Newfields** has one of the most impressive art book selections in the city, as well as locally made items and souvenir art items reflecting the museum's collection. The **Children's Museum** gift shop offers a wide array of toys that are both fun and educational, and the Indiana **State Museum's Indiana Store** is another great location for Hoosier-centric books and gifts.



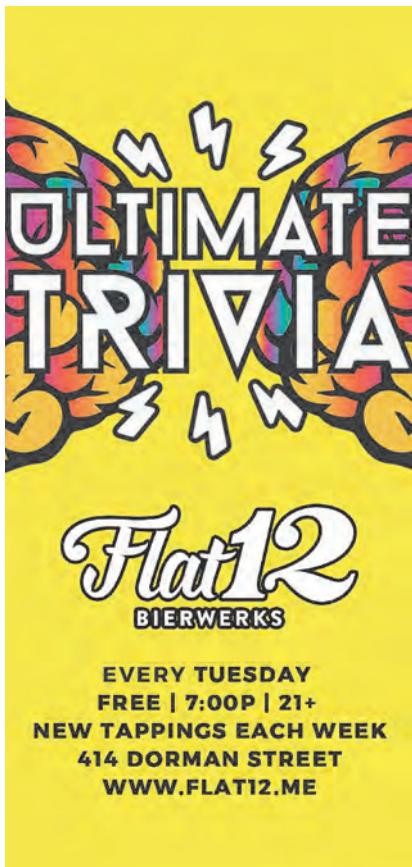
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#### • MUSIC

Local record stores can be found on all sides of town, and each one is the perfect place to shop for music by local or national artists. **Indy CD & Vinyl** in Broad Ripple, **LUNA** in SoBro, **Square Cat Vinyl** in Fountain Square, and **Irvington Vinyl & Books** all have great selections. And don't forget the perennial Indy favorite **Karma Records** with locations on the westside (High School Road) and up north on 82nd Street.

#### • SWEETS

Need something tasty for a holiday party or a sweet treat to gift? **Flying Cupcake** bakery has four locations—Mass Ave., Meridian Kessler, Castleton, and Greenwood—and the most beautiful/delicious cupcakes you've ever seen/tasted. There's also a new **Macaron Bar** on Mass Ave., the **Cake Bake Shop** in Broad Ripple, **South Bend Chocolate Co.** on the Circle, and the **Best Chocolate in Town** on Mass Ave. If you're bakery needs are for four-legged friends, stop by **Three Dog Bakery** or **City Dogs Grocery**, both have Mass Ave. and Broad Ripple/SoBro locations.

#### • SPECIALTY

Still haven't found what you're looking for? **Mass Ave Toys** can help you out in the toy department. They've recently had to relocate up to 1057 E. 54th St., but still have the same great selection and wonderful

staff. **Hero House Comics** in Fountain Square is your go-to place for all things DC, Marvel, et al. For sports lovers, there's a **Colts Pro Shop** at Circle Centre and a **Pacers Team Shop** at Bankers Life. Both with great team gear and gifts. If there's a knitter in the family, **Mass Ave Knit Shop** in Fletcher Place has everything you could possibly want. The same is true any needle and thread enthusiasts you might need a gift for: **Crimson Tate Modern Quilter** on Mass Ave is where you'll find beautiful fabrics, sewing supplies, and sewing classes.

## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

Searching for an original gift idea for the historian, art lover, or event goer on your list? Try a membership to any of these great Indianapolis institutions.

#### • INDIANAPOLIS STATE MUSEUM

Memberships start at \$75 for individuals and go up to \$140 for the family plus package. Memberships include access to members-only events and exhibits, free and discounted parking vouchers, and discounts on IMAX tickets and gift shop. Also, gain access to over 300 museums and science centers worldwide through the Association of Science and Technology Centers Travel Passport Program.



ROBERT INDIANA'S *LOVE* (1970) AT NEWFIELDS //

- **NEWFIELDS:  
INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART**

This membership includes discounted prices on all Newfields programs as well as early registration to events that will fill-up quickly. Members also receive access to members-only viewing times for special exhibits.

- **EITELJORG MUSEUM**

Beyond the standard perks of free parking in the White River garage and unlimited access to the museum for one year, this membership also comes with a magazine subscription to the Eiteljorg's publication Storyteller and membership to Time Travelers granting access to 40 more museums across the United States.

- **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
OF INDIANAPOLIS**

With packages ranging from \$180 to \$500 there is a package for everyone. All packages come with free yearly admission, free carousel rides and exclusive access to members only exhibits.

- **INDIANAPOLIS ZOO**

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## • HOLIDAY FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

12	Chefs of Christmas (City Market)
	Avon Santa Shop (Avon)
	Athenaeum (Holiday Film Series)
	Benjamin Harrison Home (Family Christmas)
	Conductor Cody's Christmas Express (IndyFringe)
	Eiteljorg Museum (Jingle Rails)
	Garfield Park (Conservatory Crossing)
	Hanukkah Palooza (Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation)
	Indiana History Center (Festival of Trees)
	Indiana History Center (Holiday Author Fair)
	Indiana History Center (Good Beers & Ugly Sweaters)
	Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Lights at the Brickyard)
	Indianapolis Zoo (Christmas at the Zoo)
	Indy VegFest Holiday Market (Biltwell Event Center)
	James Whitcomb Riley Home (Victorian Christmas)
	Gingerbread Workshops (Muncie)
	Newfields (Winterlights)
	Reynolds Farm (Holiday Lights)
	St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Christmas at the Woods)
	Stuff A Stocking (Nashville)

## • HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS

	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> (Indiana Repertory Theatre)
	<i>A Very Phoenix Xmas 13</i> (Phoenix Theatre)
	<i>BroZone: Christmas Don't Be Late</i> (IndyFringe)
	<i>Chimes of Christmas</i> (IU Bloomington)
	<i>Down Home Christmas</i> (Asante Children's Theatre)
	<i>Elf: The Musical</i> (Beef and Boards)
	<i>Festival of Carols</i> (Warren Performing Arts Center)
	<i>Hip-Hop Nutcracker</i> (Old National Centre)
	<i>Holly and Ivy Organ Concert</i> (Indiana Landmarks)
	<i>Home for the Holidays</i> (Dance Kaleidoscope)
	<i>How The Grinch Stole Christmas</i> (Old National Centre)
	<i>ISO Yuletide Celebration</i> (Hilbert Circle Theatre)
	Jane Lynch (Carmel Center for the Performing Arts)
	John Legend (Old National Centre)
	Mistletoe Musical Festival (Indianapolis Artsgarden)
	<i>Noel the Musical</i> (Clowes Memorial Hall)
	<i>Norm Lewis: Nutcracker Cool</i> (The Cabaret)
	<i>The Nutcracker</i> (Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre)
	<i>The Nutcracker</i> (Indianapolis Ballet)
	<i>The Nutcracker</i> (Ballet Theatre Indiana)
	<i>The Night Alt-103 Stole Christmas</i> (Fairgrounds)
	<i>Rejoice</i> (Butler Symphony Orchestra)
	<i>Santa Slam 2018</i>
	<i>The Snow Queen</i> (Children's Museum)
	<i>Trans-Siberian Orchestra</i> (Bankers Life)
	<i>WTTS Rock to Read</i> (Old National Centre)
	<i>WZPL Jingle Jam</i> (Bankers Life Fieldhouse)

## • HOLIDAY BEVERAGES AND LOCAL BREWS

	Black Acre
	Chilly Water
	Flat12
	Upland
	Centerpoint
	Sun King
	Ash & Elm
	New Day Craft
	Fountain Square
	Daredevil
	Tomlinson Tap Room
	Redemption Aleworks
	Brewers Guild Winterfest

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5	Indy Masquerade (Union Station)
6	Billy Fest Bash (Square Cat Vinyl)
5	A Night at Studio 54 (Pan Am Plaza)
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5	Handmade Promenade (Mass Ave.)
5	Holiday Makers Market (Biltwell Event Center)
6	IndieAna Handicraft Exchange (Harrison Center)
6	Ruckus First Friday (Circle City Industrial Complex)
7	Square Cat Christmas Market (Square Cat Vinyl)
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5	Winter Art Sale (Indianapolis Art Center)
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